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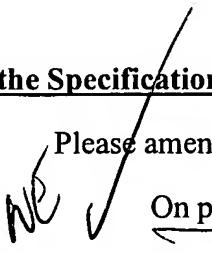
Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted together with the originally filed application.

AMENDMENT

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:


On page 3 line 10, as indicated in red in the marked-up specification as filed,
between "processes" and "data" please insert --actual purchasing--.